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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

(Case No. 00-1156)

In the Application of:

Blomme, Adri, M.

Examiner: Unknown

Serial No. To Be Assigned

Group Art Unit: Unknown

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Title: Suturing Means for Connecting a Tubular  
Vascular Prosthesis to a Blood Vessel in the Body  
in Addition to Branch Means, A Vascular  
Prosthesis, A Device for Inserting and Suturing  
a Vascular Prosthesis in the Body, and a Vascular  
Prosthesis System

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Asst. Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Please amend the claims as follows before calculating the application filing fee. The claim amendments below are made to the claims as amended by the applicant during International Phase Chapter II.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Claim ~~5~~, line 1, delete "one or more of the claims 2-4" and replace with -claim 2 or 3 or 4--.

Claim ~~6~~, line 1, delete "one or more claims 2-5" and replace with -claim 2--.

Claim ~~11~~, line 1, delete "one or more of the claims 8-10" and replace with -claim 8--

Claims ~~12~~ and 13, line 1 of each, delete "one or more of the foregoing claims" and